GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VEHICLE THEFT CASES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicle theft cases reported during 1998 and 1999 in different police stations in Delhi;

(b) the number of cases out of them solved;

(c) whether the Government are aware that theft vehicles parts are sold in various parts of Delhi and also in neighbouring states;

(d) if so, whether the Government have made any inquiry against the persons engaged in such illegal trade;

(e) if so, the results thereof;

(f) the number of persons arrested during 1999 and the action taken against them; and (g) the remedial measures taken to check such incidence in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)
(a) & (b): During the year 1998, 8557 cases of vehicle theft were reported out of which 1309 cases were solved. In 1999, 8078 vehicle theft cases were reported out of which 1542 cases were solved.
(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. The interrogation of the accused persons has revealed that in most cases the stolen vehicles are taken out of Delhi immediately after they are stolen by using forged number plates, forged papers or by altering the appearance of vehicles by repainting them or affecting minor body changes. The investigation of these cases have resulted in recovery of large number of stolen vehicles.

(f): During 1999, 2518 persons involved in theft of vehicles were arrested and action as per law was initiated against them.

(g): Delhi Police have set up auto theft units in every district to make all out efforts to prevent vehicle theft by gathering intelligence and detecting and apprehending organised gangs operating in and around Delhi. Check posts at the borders have also been briefed in this respect.